

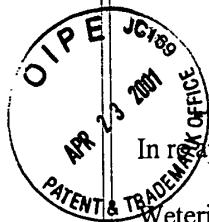
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In re application of:

Weterings, et al.

Application No.: 09/724,857

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**PETITION TO EXTEND TIME**

Sir:

Applicant petitions the Assistant Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application dated January 18, 2001 for one month, from March 18, 2001 to April 18, 2001. An appropriate response in the form of signed declaration and \$65.00 surcharge authorization is enclosed herewith.

Please charge the fee of \$55.00 to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 20-1430.

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